

**HOWARD COUNTY ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
February 17, 2016**

Howard County Health Department, Barton A and B

ADAAB MEMBERS/DESIGNEES IN ATTENDANCE: Chinwe Adetula, Rick Bergin, Mark Donovan, Robert Ehrhardt, Joe Gagliardi, Kassy Hargadon-Zester, Darrell Horney, Sophie Lovering, Bruce McDonald, Heather Moore, Carol Robinson, Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy, Cindy Johnson, Joan Webb Scornaienchi, Sgt. Kevin Shavatt, Linda Zumbrun
OTHERS: Tom Allen, Roger Hoff

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS: The meeting was called to order at 5:15 P.M. by Chair Joan Webb Scornaienchi. She welcomed the board and guests and everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The February 17, 2016 Agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The January 20, 2016 Minutes were approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Provided by Roe

Jurisdictions across Maryland received grant award letters from the Behavioral Health Administration reducing general treatment budgets to move ambulatory outpatient substance use disorder grant funds to the Administrative Service Agency, Beacon Health Options (formerly known as Value Options). This will allow providers to receive reimbursement for services for the uninsured through Beacon Health Options. The effective date is January 1, 2017 (FY17). This raises concern regarding the ability to sustain adequate access to care since few providers in Howard County are registered providers with Beacon Health Options.

The next Overdose Response Program trainings are scheduled for Monday, February 22, March 21, April 25, May 16, and June 13 at 10:00 A.M. at the Health Department. At this time, eight trainings are scheduled at the Health Department and other community locations with an additional 3 trainings pending confirmation. 91 people have been trained year to date in FY16.

The Health Department is continuing to work with the Detention Center referring inmates for Vivitrol injections prior to release from incarceration. The Health Department provides outpatient treatment and additional Vivitrol injections following release.

COMAR 10.63.01 Community Behavioral Health Programs is still pending. Lots of opposition has been received from the public which has delayed the effective date which was to be 1/1/16.

Some current behavioral health legislative bills were discussed and the possible impact to the field.

HC DRUGFREE PREVENTION/EDUCATION/OPIOID UPDATE: Provided by Joan

Howard County's Participation in NIDA's Drugs and Alcohol Chat Day on January 26, 2016 was significantly impacted by the closing of schools due to weather. In 2015, 869 questions were submitted by Howard County teens using the HC DrugFree access code during this event; however, in 2016, only 17 questions were submitted by Howard County teens. Joan was very disappointed because HC DrugFree staff dedicated a lot more time this year to expanding the reach, and she expected participation by additional schools/students. Students, parents and school staff were made aware of the opportunity to have teen questions addressed as well as how to access the questions from 2015.

Due to the weather-related challenges, HC DrugFree's staff visits to pharmacies to replenish *In the KNOW* about opioid misuse educational campaign materials has been significantly delayed, but staff will be resuming visits later this week. While at pharmacies, staff will conduct a survey to be reported to MD Behavioral Health Administration.

Howard County Permanent Medication Collection Boxes have collected 1,660 pounds of unwanted/expired medication since the boxes were introduced in April 2015. This does not include April 11, 2015 Take Back Day or what was collected by HC DrugFree at the September 26, 2015 Take Back event held at HC DrugFree's location.

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) announced their next national Take Back Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 30. Once again, HC DrugFree's location at the Wilde Lake Village Center is expected to be used as a drive-up site.

To date, HC DrugFree has received more than 140 responses to our survey/contest open to Howard County residents more than 18 years of age. Feedback will be forwarded to the State through our opioid grant reporting.

HC DrugFree is continuing to conduct prescriber interviews to gather feedback to use to move forward as we work with Howard County prescribers.

Attorney David Zwanetz from Shapiro and Mack Law Firm will be talking to teens and their parents at the next HC DrugFree Teen Advisory Council meeting scheduled for Monday, February 22 at 5:30 PM. This event is open to all Howard County teens and parents.

MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENTS: Joan, Mr. Kavanagh, and Roe are a part of a workgroup to research the Medicaid reimbursement/accreditation issue along with the assistance of Carl DeLorenzo from the County Executive's Office. Carl drafted a letter to the County Executive describing the issues and proposing recommendations. The workgroup will have a second conference call with Carl next week to discuss the letter and recommendations.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next Meeting is March 16th at Howard County Health Department.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 P.M.